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AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN PARANORMAL RESEARCH

" Throughout the ages there has always been curiosity, speculation and innumerable reported instances of a wide variety of paranormal phenomena-- phenomena which appear to stem from either extraordinary acuity of the known physical senses or from other 'senses' which perceive our ordinary reality in other dimensions of time, space and causality. There have also been cycles of particularly heightened interest from time to time, often associated with periods of unusual stress or social upheaval in man's history. It is no secret that we are in the midst of such a cycle at the present time, not only in this country but in most parts of the world. Under the circumstances, it would be unusual if well-intentioned people did not occasionally bring to the attention of their government such evidence as they possess about these phenomena. Quite naturally, such evidence is sometimes referred to this Agency. When it is presented persuasively by people of undoubted probity, we would, it seems to me, be negligent if we did not at least view it objectively--just as we try to be objective about all matters which affect the national interests. We are not in the business of pursuing paranormal phenomena per se but we try not to be arrogant about it--which is what a lack of objectivity about any issue usually amount to. "

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